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21 September 2015

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 15-053

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request, received on 25 August 2015. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (Legacy Corporation) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

“In respect of the Concession Agreement between E20 LLP, West Ham Holding Ltd, and West Ham United FC Ltd, a redacted copy of which you previously supplied to me (via this website), please provide me with the following information

- A list of the professional services companies, consultancies, and external self-employed consultants hired by LLDC (or E20 LLP if that is applicable) to assist in developing, negotiating, writing and completing the signing of the contract.
- a schedule of the fees paid to each of the entities named in the above list for the provision of the services”

The Legacy Corporation can confirm that they hold the information requested.

The advisors for the Concession agreement were as follows:

Legal advisors – Allen & Overy
Financial advisors – PriceWaterhouseCoopers
Cost advisors – Gardiner & Theobald LLP
Technical advisors – Mott McDonald

In regard to your second question, these advisors were already retained and providing services in addition to the concession agreement work before, during and after the actual concession agreement negotiations. Creating schedules of the fees paid for this specific work for each advisor would be very difficult and time consuming to create and compile.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for this authority is set at £450, (based on 18 hours work at a set £25 per hour).

We estimate that it will take us in excess of the applicable time limit to identify all of the appropriate information, retrieve and extract the information and create the schedules requested.

Therefore, your request will not be processed further and in accordance with the FOIA this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to:

Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services
London Legacy Development Corporation
Level 10
1 Stratford Place
Montfichet Road
London
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Please note: complaints and requests for internal review received more than two months after the initial response will not be handled.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may appeal directly to the Information Commissioner at the address given below. You should do this within two months of our final decision. There is no charge for making an appeal.


Further information on the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is available from the Information Commissioner's Office:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely


FOI / EIR Co-ordinator
London Legacy Development Corporation